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MEETING NOTICE

Date: July 10 2004
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 10:00 AM
Program: Annual Open House & Barbecue
Board Meeting July 21 2004
Next Meeting: Aug 20 2004



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN JULY 2004

I just got back from a formation flight clinic put on by the Bonanza's to Oshkosh group. What a kick, it was really fun! It was also incredibly intense. The instructor was a retired F-16 squadron commander from the Air Force, and he wanted all of us briefing, flying and responding in Air Force tradition! Of course we fell a little short on most occasions, but not for lack of trying! (I think he'd have had us marching to our planes a la the Blue Angels, or the Air Force equivalent, if he thought he could get away with it!) In our final sortie for the weekend we had 13 planes in 5 elements. I was assigned the flight lead with our retired Lt. Colonel, "Weebs", in the right seat of my plane conducting the whole affair. He held me to plus or minus 2 to 3 knots and 25 feet. Climbs and descents had to be 100 knots at 500 fpm, precisely. His favorite saying was, "You're not helping those guys back there, 125 knots and 10.5!" But after awhile it was, "You're really nailing it Rich, good job!" Now, you know that felt really good! Luckily last week, Rachel Hoffman beat me up on some instrument flight training, so I was at least getting back to form. What a week! I'm all flied out for the moment.

My purpose for telling you this is that I fly about 175 hours a year. Most of it is VFR on long cross-countries, so you'd think I was really current, at least on the flying stuff. However, I have to say that over the last year or so I have become a little lazy and complacent with respect to my flying skills. These lessons, as well as a few more coming from Rachel, are proving to be challenging, really fun and putting some extra margin of safety back into my flying. How about you? Are you accepting less than perfect execution because no one is watching? How are your radio skills, piloting, cross wind landings, basic airmanship? If you're like me, get an instructor and go fly, or at least a flying buddy who will hold you to some standards. Do something totally different.. IFR training, Aerobatics, Formations, Floats, Bush, anything to get some need for precision and proper execution back into your flying. Its fun and will really make a difference. I know it is working for me!

Along those lines, some of the fly outs that Bill Landstra has planned will help stretch your need for a "nailed" landing and/or pilotage skills. They're not hard and the destinations are really fun, but need you not to fall asleep at the wheel. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

We're working on some of the details for the July 10th Open House. Looks like we have at least 2 or 3 Stearmans from the local Squadron coming for the display. Pat Miller is working on some other celebs and/or neat planes and Pat Peters is organizing the EAA Young Eagles fly out as well as the BBQ. We need help and want you to plan to attend the event. Maybe you could kill 2 birds with one stone! Come for the event, stay and volunteer! Let Pat Peters know if you can help. Thanks.

Well, that's all for now. Please strive to fly safe and continue to learn new skills. Get involved with your club, its fun and there are some really nice people in it (you, for instance!). I hope to see you at the clubhouse on July 10th and consider a fly out before the weather turns. Thanks to all for all we've accomplished so far this year.

Richard.

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RESERVE A SPOT FOR MACBETH

SEPTEMBER FISHING AND BOATING ON THE KLAMATH RIVER

by Bill Landstra

Over September 11th & 12th, MDPA members, boaters and fishermen alike, will fly into MacBeth airport (S51) for a weekend of relaxation, good food & companionship.

From Concord we'll fly north to follow the Trinity River to the Klamath and then the Klamath to the ocean. A few miles inland is the MacBeth airport, about a mile south of Klamath Glen. This is a spectacular flight!! The runway is paved and long, with clear approaches and tiedowns.

I flew here last year for the first time. A friend of mine is a licensed guide with a jetboat for navigating the Klamath.

**This is salmon season. For the fisherman,
everything is provided; you will bring home
salmon! For the non fishers, a jetboat ride up the
Klamath is a photographer's dream.**

We will stay in a motel near the airport and eat and drink at a restaurant where I had a fabulous meal.

The motels will book up rapidly for the salmon fishing so I need your reservations before the July 4th weekend. Send your reservation with number attending and whether you are interested in fishing or jet boating or both, no later than July 2nd, via email to me at activities@mdpa.org or via telephone at (510) 483-8520.

I'll see you there. I'm looking forward to a big turn out.





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PHIL BOYER TO ADDRESS PILOTS AT CONCORD HILTON

AOPA has announced that they will be conducting a Pilot Town Meeting on the evening of Wednesday July 14th at the Concord Hilton. MDPA President Richard Roberts has been asked to introduce AOPA President Phil Boyer who will take address the pilots assembled and answer any questions they may have.

Plan to attend this meeting! AOPA has been a major supporter of the effort to preserve Buchanan Field as an important Bay Area airport and this will be a great opportunity to interact directly with Phil Boyer on this and other topics of interest to Bay Area pilots.

MDPA RETURNS TO HYAMPOM

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE SOLD OUT THE ANNUAL RETURN TO HYAMPOM.

The local fire department will be putting on a BBQ for us. And Richard will be cooking breakfast for the group before we depart this quaint little town and swimming hole. We must have died and gone to heaven!! (Again!).



BILL LANDSTRA'S WILD WEST BARBECUE

by Richard Roberts



Friday night was a rip-snorter yet again! We had all sorts of folks shucking corn and wrapping it in foil to the sounds of Willy, Waylon and the boys. Bill Ellis went and got tablecloths and got most of them installed. Maureen and Jennifer got the last of the dinning room ready for business. No fancy centerpieces this time, just food! Kathy's beans were a real hit, there was none left! And the ball tips were Kinder's finest, and cooked to perfection by none other than yours truly. Bill had done the apple crisp on Thursday, so it was ready to go. He just needed to heat it up so the ice cream would melt in. It was fabulous! We forgot the salad, we forgot the raffle, and no one seemed to remember.



Anyway, we'll have 2 prizes for the next dinner, and I know that everyone present got lots of roughage on Saturday, so no harm done!

Then we had a brief meeting. Everyone was brought up to date on our financial situation, which looks pretty good. We have spent about \$7,000 thus far and have a little over \$7000 in the bank. Our budget was for \$14,000, sooooo, as long as we stay within budget on our spending for the rest of the year, we will end the year in the black! This is really great news since some of our best fundraisers are yet to come! Arnold Peterson and Dave Evans updated all on the current political situation with respect to the Airport and the RFP. Finally, Bill and I talked about upcoming fly outs. Ruth Lake got canceled and Hyampom is sold out. There's room for some adventurous souls for the Alaska trip, although, because this is the club's first time doing this, we need folks who have either done it before, or are used to rugged cross-countries. Once we have one under our belt, we'll be more aggressively advertising the trip!



Pat and Dave then had a slide show of the trip to La Paz. Unfortunately, we had some technical difficulties with the equipment, so the show will be part of the next dinner.

Finally, lots of people stayed around, some helped cleanup, some kept eating and some just were having a great time and didn't want to leave! You should have seen Bill Landstra in the kitchen cleaning up! What a guy! Jon and Lynn McWilliams had a charging problem in their Tiger as they started to fly home. Stew Bowers tried a spare battery and Jon worked on it awhile, to no avail. They made the right decision and drove home. Saturday, they came back and got old Papa Whiskey home safely. It was a defective circuit breaker. All fixed and the plane is ready for their next adventure.

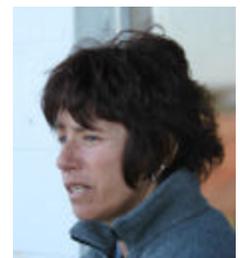
The bottom line? We had 51 people at the dinner and made a little over \$250. We had 2 new members, Paul and Jacqueline Hunter and Ted Scott. We're going to hit 100 next month, I can feel it in my bones! Everyone had tons to eat, everything got cleaned up and ready for the next dinner, and a

great time was had by all!

Next month is the open house and will be held on Saturday, July 10th. We will have a Young Eagles fly out, hotdogs and burgers and aircraft display. There will be no dinner in July. If you can help that day, please let Pat Peters know. His number is, 925-930-6447.



Rachel And The Pink Beeson



JULY 10TH OPEN HOUSE

Here's what's cooking for the BBQ and open house.

9:00 to 2:00 EAA Young Eagles Fly Out. Be sure to tell neighbors and friends to bring their interested 8 to 18 year olds for a free flight with some of the Local Chapter 393's volunteer Young Eagles pilots. The kids really have a great time!

10:00 to 4:00 Antique and interesting plane display. We're going to have a small squadron of restored Stearman trainers, and are working on some war birds. EAA members will be encouraged to bring over their projects.

10:30 to 3:00 Hamburger and Hotdog BBQ.

Similar to last year, only hopefully this year Suzie Landstra and I won't do so much of the burger cooking! The Peters are the hotdog kings and queens, though!

Pat Peters is working on having Sally Ride talk! You know, the FIRST woman astronaut, the woman the street our clubhouse is on was named after! She is on a speaking tour and NASA handles her schedule, so we're not sure. But they were hopeful that she could be present. She would be our big drawing card! Keep on em Pat (Peters that is)! If you have any other ideas for the open house, please let Pat Peters or myself know so we can follow up on it. Thanks everyone, and be sure to come out on Saturday the 10th and both enjoy the day and help be an ambassador for aviation to the community at large.



Speaking of cooking, lots of folks wanted Kathy's recipe for her beans, so here it is. Enjoy!

KATHY'S RANCH BEANS (Approximately 15 side servings.)

(This recipe was quadrupled to make the beans for the MDPA dinner - approx 50 servings as a side dish. Note: Some people took seconds!)

- 1 lb ground beef
- 3/4 lb bacon, cut in small pieces (can use the precooked microwave bacon)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 cans (1 lb, 15 oz) pork and beans
- 1 can (1 lb) drained kidney beans
- 1 can (1 lb) drained butter lima beans
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 T white vinegar
- 1 t salt
- Dash of pepper
- Liquid smoke to taste - use very sparingly



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